

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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**(Approved at March 3, 2011 Meeting)**

**Minutes of February 3, 2011 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Leon Lakritz. In attendance were Vicky Binetti, Harry Larzelere, Lola Pellegrino, Rich Fini, Chet Nawoyski, Jodi Smith, Russ Price, Anne Hastings, Ann Culkin, Michael Keating, Ed Andricola, and Robert Timmons. The minutes of our January 2011 reorganization meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Harry Larzelere reported that the Environmental Commission's temporary budget is \$700.

**Old Business**

Township Clean Up Day

No report.

Recycling

Vicky Binetti mentioned that a recent article appearing in the Gloucester County Times noted that recycling has increased in the County, with Washington Township

ranking second for tonnage collected. Additionally, the Township has been awarded a recycling grant from the DEP under their Recycling Enhancement Act.

#### WTEC Planning Calendar

Leon Lakritz will add Township Clean Up Day to the calendar. The date for this event is October 8, 2011.

#### Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

Vicky Binetti had nothing new to report.

#### Guest Seminars/Presentations

No report.

#### Stream Sampling

Chet Nawoyski is soliciting participation in our stream sampling event and in a program to identify broken street lights that remain on during daytime hours. Chet will be contacting Mr. Bellendorf, principal of the high school, to determine whether SAVE (Students Against Violence on the Earth) or the Interact Club would be interested in participating in either or both of these programs.

#### Earth Day 2011

Anne Hastings reported on her progress to obtain contributions for Earth Day. Bach & Associates have recently donated \$300 towards this event. So far, she has received 15 registrations from exhibitors. She asked for volunteers from the Commission to arrange for an Earth Day display in the library and municipal building. The Commission was able to purchase a prize wheel recently that will be a new attraction this year at Earth Day.

#### Washington Township 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Robert Timmons invited the Commission to attend a special Council meeting on February 23rd (starting at 6:00 p.m.) celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Washington Township. There will be presentations by the three middle schools and various artifacts will be on display in the Council meeting room.

### **New Business**

#### Planning and Zoning Boards

Rich Fini reviewed current projects as follows:

- Planning Board – 1/18/11
  - Chick Fil A – Major Site Plan. This was a work session.
  - Church of St. Charles Borromeo, 176 Stage Coach Road. Applicant received site plan waiver.
- Planning Board – 2/1/11
  - Summit Health/Virtua, 239 Hurffville-Cross Keys Road. Signage
  - Nesmith, Hurffville-Grenloch & Pine Ridge Court. Applicant submitted a site plan and was granted a waiver. They will be removing some trees and would be required to replace 6.

### Open Space

Harry Larzelere had no new report.

### Correspondence

Leon Lakritz announced that the Commission received an invitation to attend a free workshop sponsored by Americorps NJ on water testing and water quality at Scotland Run Nature Center on April 23 at 10:00 a.m. and at Triple Oaks Nursery on June 26 at 1:00 p.m. To register: [watershed17@ccia-net.com](mailto:watershed17@ccia-net.com) or Phillip Arsenault 856-825-3700, ext. 4023.

### Delaware River Basin Forum

Vicky Binetti is participating in a First-ever Delaware River Basin Forum on March 10<sup>th</sup> at WHY in Philadelphia. Eight locations will be linked via live webcast, one of which is Rowan University in Glassboro. The forum is free, and the agenda will include regional and local topics such as water use and water supply, regional impacts of climate change, strategies for water resource protection and tools and tactics for local protection. Registration can be made on line at [www.DelawareBasinDrinkingWater.org](http://www.DelawareBasinDrinkingWater.org)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/Dorothy Hunter

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